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SUBJECT: TRADE UNION OVERREACHES ITSELF IN DISPUTE WITH
AEROAMERICA

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1. ACCORDING TO DPA WIRE SERVICE AUGUST 26, THE AVIATION AND SPACE GROUP OF THE NATIONAL DAG TRADE UNION REPEATED ATTACKS ON AEROAMERICA WHICH WERE RECENTLY MADE BY THE BERLIN BRANCH OF DAG (REFTTEL). THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION COMPLAINED THAT AEROAMERICA IS NOT SUBJECT TO GERMAN, BUT TO AMERICAN, AIR SAFETY REGULATIONS. ACCORDING TO DAG, THE GERMAN REGULATIONS - ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS MAXIMUM WORKING HOURS AND MINIMUM HOURS OF REST - ARE FAR BETTER THAN THE AMERICAN, AND CONSEQUENTLY PROVIDE MORE SAFETY. IN THE SAME VEIN, DAG REPRESENTATIVES ALLEGED ON RECENT BERLIN TV SHOW HARDSHIPS OF AEROAMERICA STEWARDESSES WHO HAD TO WORK FOR 11 CONSECUTIVE HOURS ON TRIP TO RIO DE JANEIRO AS WELL AS ON RETURN TRIP. UNION NEGLECTED TO NOTE STEWARDESSES HAD FIVE-DAY BREAK IN RIO AT COMPANY EXPENSE.

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2. A PRESS RELEASE BY BERLINER FLUG RING - THE MAIN BERLIN CLIENT OF AEROAMERICA - SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE "ABSOLUTE IGNORANCE" DAG CONCERNING BERLIN AVIATION. BFR ADDED THAT AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE RECENT DAG-ORGANIZED STRIKE AGAINST AEROAMERICA, WHICH WOULD HAVE SPOILED THE HARD-EARNED VACATIONS OF THOUSANDS OF BERLINERS, DAG IS NOW TRYING TO CREATE A SENSE OF INSECURITY AMONG BERLIN

VACATIONERS BY ITS USE OF THE WORD "SAFETY".

3. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS, THE U.S. ADMINISTRATOR FOR AERONAUTICS REITERATED THE STATEMENT MADE ON AUGUST 10 THAT U.S. REGULATIONS WERE SIMILAR TO GERMAN REGULATIONS, IF NOT STRICTER, AND ADDED THAT THE FAA REGULARLY CHECKS ALL AMERICAN AIRLINES AND HAS FOUND NO VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY STANDARDS BY AEROAMERICA.

4. IN A COMMENTARY AUGUST 27, TAGESSPIEGEL NOTED THAT DAG HAS GROSSLY VIOLATED THE SCOPE OF PERMISSIBLE STATEMENTS DURING A UNIONIZATION DISPUTE AND THAT IT IS COMPLETELY ABSURD TO PUT FORTH AN ARGUMENT WHICH CALLS THE ENTIRE BERLIN AIR TRAFFIC REGIME INTO QUESTION. IF DAG WANTS GERMAN REGULATIONS TO APPLY, THEN IT LOGICALLY ENDORSES A CESSATION OF ALLIED AIR TRAFFIC, TAGESSPEIGEL ADDED, BUT SCARCELY ANY BERLINER WOULD ENDORSE THIS CONCLUSION.
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